

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Attorney Docket No: 38331-0002

Applicants: Akira TSUBOKURA *et al.*
Application No.: To be assigned
Filing Date: May 23, 2001
Title: A PIGMENT-CONTAINING SUBSTANCE FOR FEED
ADDITIVES

3/p
M.Q.
11/24/01

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Director of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the application:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 12, at the end of the specification, delete the Sequence Listing filed with the application and insert the Sequence Listing submitted concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

3. (Amended) The pigment-containing substance for feed additives according to claim 1, characterized in that a DNA nucleotide sequence corresponding to 16S ribosomal RNA of the microorganism in the microorganism culture precipitate has at least 98% homology with the nucleotide sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO: 1.